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BID FROM INFORMATION PRODUCT VENDORS"

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for bidding by vendors of customized goods or services, comprising steps of:

receiving a vendor record, said vendor record having vendor identifier data representing a vendor, and a vendor capability data identifying a capability of said vendor to provide a customized [goods or services] good or service for each of a plurality of vendors in a pool of vendors;

receiving a job data from a buyer, said job data having a buyer identifier data, and a job descriptor data representing a custom job for which said buyer wishes a price quote or bid;

automatically comparing said vendor records to said job data;

automatically identifying at least one group from the pool of vendors [of said vendor records] as qualified for receiving an invitation for bid, based on said comparison;

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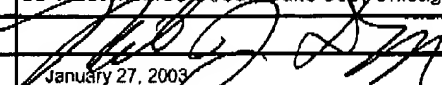
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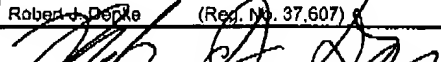
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